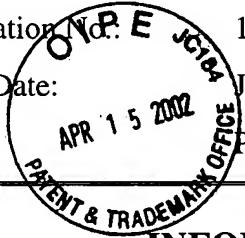


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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b), the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet, submitted in duplicate) are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the identified references are enclosed as necessary. This IDS is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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